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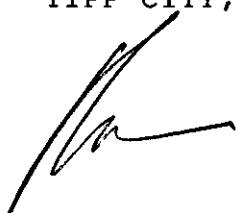
WT DOCKET 05-235

I SUSPECT MY COMMENTS ON THE NPRM&O DOCKET 05-235 WILL JUST BE A WASTE OF TIME, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THE COMMISSIONERS MINDS ARE ALREADY MADE UP, AND NOTHING WE SAY ON THE SUBJECT WILL CHANGE THEM.

HOWEVER I WOULD HOPE THE COMMISSIONERS WOULD RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION TO ELIMINATE THE MORSE CODE REQUIREMENT IN THE TESTING FOR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSES, AT LEAST FOR THE AMATEUR EXTRA LICENSE. WHY HAVE AN AMATEUR EXTRA CLASS LICENSE, IF IT HAS NOTHING EXTRA? JUST EXTRA PAPERWORK FOR THE COMMISSION. SYMBOLISM WITHOUT SUBSTANCE. FIVE WORDS PER MINUTE IS NO IMPEDIMENT FOR A PERSON DETERMINED TO LEARN THE CODE, MANY THOUSANDS HAVE OVER THE YEARS.

I FEAR A TOTAL LOSS OF THE CW SEGMENTS SET ASIDE MANY YEARS AGO TO TAKE PLACE SOON AFTER DOCKET 05-235 BECOMES THE COMMISSIONS RULES. CW AND SSB ARE NOT COMPATIBLE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO EACH OTHER. POWER INCREASES TO BE HEARD WILL PROBABLY RESULT, MAKING THE SITUATIONS WORSE.

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